

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 15, 2022

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Robin LaBuwi called the meeting to order.

Mark Dyel opened in prayer and Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Robin LaBuwi, President; Marci Glover, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Robby Cockrum, Shane Cockrum, Mark Dyel and Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Ryan Miller, Assistant Principal/AD, Students and Community Members.

4. RECOGNITION OF GAVIN GENISIO AS CROSS-COUNTRY STATE CHAMPION

Mitch Bennett exited the meeting at 5:15 P.M.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

5.2 Collective Bargaining

Kenny Irvin made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and Collective Bargaining. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:35 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:55 P.M. Mark Dyel, Secretary Pro-tempore called the roll. Answering present: Robby Cockrum – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, and Robin LaBuwi – yes. Board member absent: Mitch Bennett.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; students and community members.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2022
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2022
- 6.2 Approve Financial Report (November 2022)
- 6.3 Approve Payment of Bills (November 2022)
- 6.4 Approve 1st Reading Press Plus Issue 110
- 6.5 Review/Approve MOU with BEA to Provide Administrative Leave for COVID Related Absences for Unvaccinated Members
- 6.6 Review/Approve MOU with Cafeteria Employees to Provide Administrative Leave for COVID Related Absences for Unvaccinated Members
- 6.7 Review/Approve MOU with Bus Drivers to Provide Administrative Leave for COVID Related Absences for Unvaccinated Members
- 6.8 Review/Approve MOU with Custodial and Maintenance Employees to Provide Administrative Leave for COVID Related Absences for Unvaccinated Members

Mark Dyel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Robby Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Shane Cockrum - yes. Motion Carried.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Facility Project Update
- Financial Update
- SMPG Project Update
- Student Council Exchange

Mr. Docherty reviewed the PSAE scores and the standardized testing process.

8. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Review/Approve 2022 Tax Levy Resolution Mark Dyel made a motion to approve the Tax Levy Resolution as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10.2 Review/Approve Resolution to Levy Certain Special Taxes Mark Dyel made a motion to approve the Resolution to Levy Certain Special Taxes as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10.3 Review/Approve Resolution for Abatement of Taxes Mark Dyel made a motion to approve the Resolution for Abatement of Taxes as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10.4 Review/Approve Resolution (i) transferring county school facility sales tax revenue to the bond and interest fund of said School District and (ii) abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2022 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2020, of the School District Mark Dyel made a motion to approve the Resolution (i) transferring county school facility sales tax revenue to the bond and interest fund of said School District and (ii) abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2022 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2020, of the School District as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10.5 Employment of Personnel

10.6 Assignment of Personnel Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the leave request from Tyler Chance as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.7 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions

10.8 Review/Approve Proposal to Amend Student Handbook Extracurricular Training Policy Shane Cockrum made a motion to table this item. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum and Marci Glover exited the meeting at 6:08 P.M.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

12. ADJOURNMENT Kenny Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 P.M. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY